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In re Application of
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: DECISION ON REQUEST
: FOR WITHDRAWAL OF
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This is a decision on the request filed on June 4, 2002, under 37 CFR 1.36 and MPEP 402.06, requesting permission to withdraw as the attorney of record in the above-identified application.

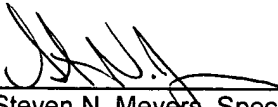
The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

Under 37 CFR 1.36 an attorney may withdraw only upon application to and approval by the Commissioner. It should be noted that a withdrawal is effective when approved, not when filed. For approval of such a request the following conditions must be met:

- A) Each attorney of record must sign the notice of withdrawal, or the notice must contain a clear indication of one attorney signing on behalf of another, because the Office does not recognize law firms;
- B) There must be at least 30 days between approval of the withdrawal and the later of the expiration date of a time period for reply or the expiration date of the period which can be obtained by a petition and fee for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a);
- C) A proper reason for the withdrawal as enumerated in 37 CFR 10.40(b) or subsection (1)-(6) of 37 CFR 10.40(c) must be provided;
- D) The applicant or patent owner must have been notified of the withdrawal as provided for in 37 CFR 1.36.

The request to withdraw as attorney is not accepted in the above-identified application because the request lacks conditions A) and D) above. The request lists five attorneys while the original request lists a total of nine attorneys. A copy of that page of the original request is enclosed for your convenience in filing a supplemental request for withdrawal of attorney.

In summary, the request is **NOT APPROVED**.


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Attachment: Copy of original request

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

US Parent Application No. or PCT Parent Appln. No.	Parent Filing Date	Parent Patent Number (if applicable)
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And I hereby appoint of HAYES, SOLOWAY, HENNESSEY, GROSSMAN & HAGE, P.C., a firm composed of Oliver W. Hayes, Reg. No. 15,867; Norman P. Soloway, Reg. No. 24,315; William O. Hennessey, Reg. No. 32, 032; Susan H. Hage, Reg. No. 29,646; Steven J. Grossman, Reg. No. 35,001; and Donald J. Perreault, Reg. No. 40,126 at 175 Canal Street, Manchester, New Hampshire 03101 (Telephone: (603) 668-1400); and Edmund Paul Pfleger, Reg. No. 41,252; Dale F. Regelman, Reg. No. P-45,625; Kevin Drucker, Reg. No. 47,537 at 130 West Cushing Street, Tucson, Arizona 85701 (Telephone: (520) 882-7623), my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith.

Please direct all future correspondence in connection with this application to the attention of **Dale F. Regelman**, HAYES, SOLOWAY, HENNESSEY, GROSSMAN & HAGE, P.C., 130 W. Cushing Street, Tucson, Arizona 85701 (Telephone: 520-882-7623).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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